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insisted on by the department, will the Government kindly consider the grant of a special kit allowance at least to these Physical Training Instructors?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Taking all these things into consideration, the pay of these instructors has been fixed."

Revision of the scale of Secondary grade trained teachers.

* 113 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to revise the scale of pay of Secondary grade trained teachers so as to avoid the descending scale of increment; and

(b) if so, when it will be put into force?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(a) No, Sir.

"(b) The question does not arise."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—"May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that only in the case of these secondary grade teachers there is a descending scale of increment and it is not found in any other case, even in the case of peons in the department?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I am prepared to lower the increment in the beginning so that it may be on a par with the increment which we give later on."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—"It will be much better, Sir, and even if the increments are lowered in the initial stages we will be prepared to take it."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"The secondary grade trained teacher during the first few years gets an increment of Rs. 3 and afterwards Rs. 2. If the hon. Member would agree, I am prepared to make it a uniform increment of Rs. 2 throughout."

S.S.L.C. qualified Physical Training Instructors appearing for the T.S.L.C. Examination.

* 114 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether Physical Training Instructors passing S.S.L.C. Examination are allowed to sit privately for the T.S.L.C. Examination; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(a) No, Sir.

"(b) The training imparted to the Physical Training Instructors is mainly in Physical Education and that too only for a

period of ten months, wherets higher grade or secondary grade teachers have to undergo a two years training course covering subjects like; Language, Mathematics, Psychology, etc., before they are allowed to sit for the T.S.L.C. Examination. The Physical Training Instructors therefore lack sustained teaching training in other subjects and cannot therefore be allowed to sit for the T.S.L.C. Examination."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that these Physical Training Instructors are eligible to appear for the Y.M.C.A. Higher Grade training if they passed the secondary grade training and may I know why Government are not encouraging them to appear for the T.S.L.C. examination?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member will please repeat his question."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, candidates applying for the Y.M.C.A. Higher Grade Physical Training Instructor's course must either be an Intermediate or a passed T.S.L.C. Secondary Grade. In view of the fact that Physical Training Instructors can qualify themselves for the Y.M.C.A. Higher Grade by appearing for the T.S.L.C. Examination, may I know whether the Government will permit them to appear privately for the T.S.L.C. Examination of the secondary grade?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It all depends upon the fact how far they have got general educational qualifications."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that these candidates qualify themselves in mathematics and other general knowledge subjects by preparing privately for the S.S.L.C. Examination may I know why they cannot be allowed to sit for the T.S.L.C. Secondary Grade Examination?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. If they are already qualified for that, we will be prepared to allow them."

Investigation of Tirumurthi Hills (Palar River) Irrigation Scheme in Udamalpet taluk.

* 115 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have investigated the Tirumurthi Hills (Palar River) Irrigation Scheme in Udamalpet taluk, Coimbatore district;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of the scheme and the extent of land likely to be benefited by the construction of the dam at the above place; and

(*c*) at what stage the proposal stands and when it is likely to be taken up?